

HO-1043

Basil & Reuben Johnson Farm
13145 Triadelphia Mill Road
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Basil & Reuben Johnson Farm was first purchased by Basil Johnson, Sr. in 1836 and bequeathed by him to his son, Basil Johnson, Jr. (1829-1904). At the death of Basil Johnson, Jr., his son Reuben bought out the interests of his brothers and sisters in the farm. The construction of the farm buildings is consistent with a date in the late nineteenth or, more likely, the early twentieth century. It seems most probable that some of the old farm buildings deteriorated as Basil Johnson, Jr. aged, and needed to be rebuilt when Reuben Johnson took over the farm. Only the foundation of the bank barn survives, so it is not possible to date this building. The first quarter of the twentieth century was a time of marked farm improvements throughout rural Maryland, and this farm would seem to fit comfortably within that tradition. The house was built in the 1960s and is not historic. It and the garages are to be demolished and replaced with a new structure. The frame portion on the bank barn foundation is also to be removed and replaced. There is reportedly a Johnson Family cemetery about 400 yards southwest of the barn, but this was not located during the survey work. All of the historic features on the site seem to be safe, at present.

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Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Basil & Reuben Johnson Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 13145 Triadelphia Mill Road not for publication

city, town Clarksville ☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bertha Spaine, et al

street and number 13145 Triadelphia Mill Road telephone

city, town Clarksville state MD zip code 21029

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 8918 folio 402

city, town Ellicott City tax map 34 tax parcel 359 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	3	3	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	1	0	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	4	3	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The Basil & Reuben Johnson Farm is located at 13145 Triadelphia Mill Road, about two miles west of Clarksville, in southwestern Howard County, Maryland. The farm is located on the south side of the road, with the buildings set far back off the road on a drive that runs to the southwest, south of the house and north of the farm buildings, then turns northwest on the southwest side of the house. The ground slopes gently down to the south, with a pond at the south end of the property. The complex consists of a c. 1960s ranch house, a 1960s or later two-car garage to the west of the house, with an apartment above it, and a new tractor shed to the northwest of the house. To the southwest of the house is an earlier one-car garage. The farm buildings consist of a bank barn with silo, a wagon shed and corn crib, and a barrack.

One-car garage

The one-car garage is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure with a stone and concrete foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with inverted-v-seam metal and a northwest-southeast ridge. It has a roll-up door on the southeast elevation and a new six-over-six sash on both the northeast and southwest. The interior has plywood over top of early twentieth-century circular-sawn 2 by 4 studs.

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Bank barn

There is a bank barn located about 100 feet south of the house, and it is banked on the northwest and has a forebay facing southeast. The lower story is stone that is parged with concrete. The upper story is a modern, stick-built frame with modern roof trusses and metal corrugated siding. There is a gable roof with inverted-v-seam metal and a northeast-southwest ridge. About 10 feet west of the barn is a concrete silo with steel hoops and a metal dome. There is a frame loafing shed on a CMU foundation attached to the southwest end of the barn. It has the same construction as the upper story of the barn, but has a shed roof.

The northeast elevation, on the lower story, has a vertical-board-and-batten Dutch door with machine-made strap hinges, in the east bay. The center bay has a twelve-light wood sash and the north bay has a window opening. The southeast elevation is open and has three circular-sawn wood posts set on concrete piers supporting the wall above. The southwest elevation has a vertical-board-and-batten Dutch door with machine-made strap hinges in the west bay, a twelve-light wood sash in the center bay, and no opening in the south bay.

The lower-story interior is three bays divided by two hay racks, with feeding troughs, that run north-south. They are constructed of circular-sawn wood with wire nails. The walls are parged with concrete on the interior. There are 2 by 6 circular-sawn joists with cross-bracing, and diagonally-laid sub-floor above. There are two rows of ganged-together summer beams supported by posts on concrete piers.

Wagon Shed

The wagon shed is located about 150 feet southeast of the barn, and is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation on the inner two walls and stone piers on the outer walls, some of which have been rebuilt with CMUs. There is circular-sawn board and batten siding, some of which is covered with corrugated metal. The gable roof has inverted-v-seam metal and a northwest-southeast ridge. The eaves are open.

The northwest elevation has a wide opening in the center that never had doors, and has a plywood door in the gable end and in the end bays. The northeast and southwest elevations do not have any openings. The southeast elevation center bay has been closed off with later framing. The south bay has a low hatch on the wall and the east bay has a plywood door. The center of the gable end has a wood six-over-six sash.

The interior walls are vertical slats for corn cribs on both sides, with several hatches set high and low on each wall, and some of the hatches have been boarded up. The slats are fastened with wire nails. There are circular-sawn joists, most of which are round on the sides, though some are squared on all four sides and have up-braces to them that are mortised and tenoned and pegged. The upper level is floored.

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There is a chute from the upper level to the northeast crib. There are stairs in the southwest crib that ascend to the northwest and then turn to the northeast and cut through part of the center of the shed. The doors to the crib are nailed shut. The heavy-timber frame is built of 5 by 6 circular-sawn corner posts and down-braces.

Barrack

The barrack is located about 30 feet south of the wagon shed. It is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a poured concrete foundation, board-and-batten siding, and a gambrel roof with corrugated metal and an east-west ridge. The north elevation has a door on rollers in the center bay, and it is covered with corrugated metal. There are no openings in the end bays. The east and west elevations have no openings, but there is a one-story, one-bay-square shed added to the west. The south elevation had a door hung on rollers in the center bay, but this is now missing, and there are no openings in the east and west bays. There is a pole-built loafing shed added to the south, and it is wider than the barrack. It has wood hay racks and feeding troughs.

The interior of the barrack has a dirt floor. The braced frame is built of re-used circular-sawn heavy timber that has abandoned mortises all over the framing, and the joints are nailed. There are three bays and the bents have four posts with dropped girts, and up-braces from the posts to purlins under the gambrel ridges. There is a hay track in the ridge with a wood carriage, and the fork is missing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1904-1925

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Howard County Genealogical Society, comp., *Howard County Maryland Records*, vol. 2 (Columbia, MD: Author, 1981), p. 56.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 24.2814 A
Acreage of historical setting 134 A
Quadrangle name Clarksville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 34, parcel 359, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Bertha M. Spaine / ?	Bertha M. Spaine & sons: Joseph P. Spaine, Jr. John W. Spaine / ?	3 Jan. 2005	MDR 8918-402	Deed – fee simple	\$0	24.2814 A	JES Jr. d. 16 May 2004 Parcel B in plat book 31, folio 21
Oliver E. Thompson & wf Ruth Linrud Earl L. Thompson & wf Loretta / ?	Joe E. Spaine & wf Bertha M. / ?	26 Aug. 1975	CMP 734-218	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	24.2814 A	
John R. Pue / ?	Oliver E. Thompson & wf Ruth Linrud Earl L. Thompson & wf Loretta / ?	25 Aug. 1965	WHH 440-733	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	115.693 A	p/o 1 st parcel in Moxley to Peterson [no reference to JRP as grantee]
Evelyn M. Peterson Divorced / Howard	Edith Clarke / ?	28 Mar. 1946	BM Jr. 189-56	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	?	Farm where EMP resides
William Stanley Moxley & wf Virginia P. / Howard	Evelyn M. Peterson / ?	24 June 1938	BM Jr. 160-506	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	1) 129-1- 11 ARP 2) 18-3-1½ ARP - 1¼ A	2 parcels 1) farm of Reuben Johnson minus Johnson Family Graveyard 2) woodlot for farm -- not contiguous to (1)
Joseph L. Donovan James Clark, trustees / Howard	William Stanley Moxley & wf Virginia P. / Howard	15 July 1937	BM Jr. 157-406	Deed – fee simple	\$10,000	1) 129-1- 11 ARP 2) 18 A ±	Equity 3561, 1 Apr. 1937 Cora Davidson et al v. Helen Irene Johnson, et al Sold 24 Apr. 1937 @ public auction "Reynolds Habitation"
Basil Johnson & wf Letty Alverda Henderson & hus. Frank James G. Johnson & wf Martha Nora Johnson Adolphus Johnson & wf Gertrude	Reuben Johnson	11 May 1905	WWLC 80-216	Deed – fee simple	\$5,180	A) 134 A B) 5 A	Grantors & grantee heirs & children of Basil Johnson "Reynolds Habitation"
Basil Johnson, Sr.	Basil Johnson		<u>Wills</u> TBH 2-96	Bequest			

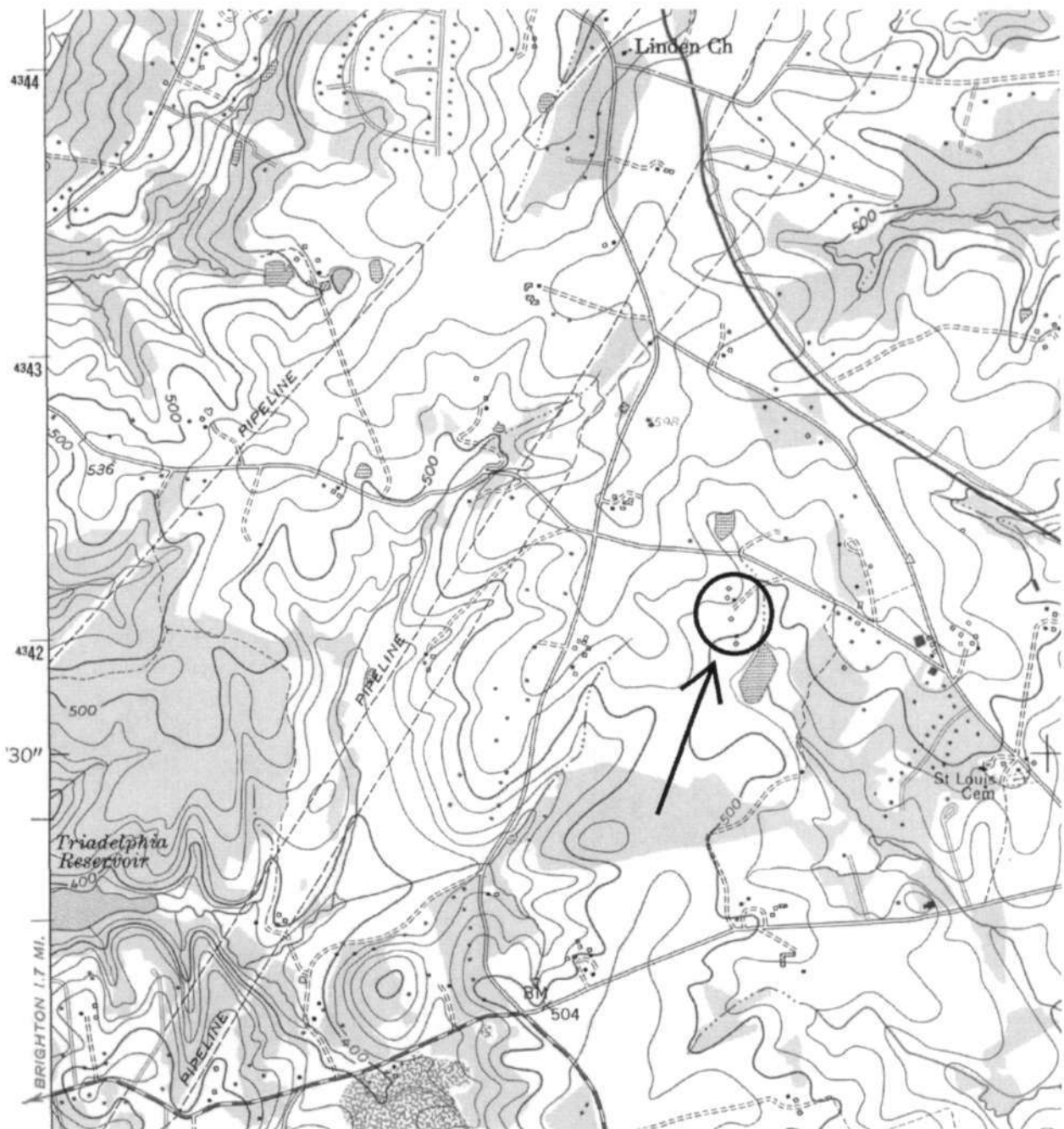
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George W. Israel	Basil Johnson	22 Oct. 1836	WSG 21-327				



Average Scale: 1 inch = 81.3 feet

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Basil & Reuben Johnson Farm
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Clarksville quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

HO-1043_2011-05-25_01
Barn & silo, east & north elevations

HO-1043_2011-05-25_02
Barn interior, lower story, vw. northeast

HO-1043_2011-05-25_03
Wagon shed, east & north elevations

HO-1043_2011-05-25_04
Wagon shed, interior, vw. southwest

HO-1043_2011-05-25_05
Barrack, north elevation

HO-1043_2011-05-25_06
Barrack, interior, vw. southeast



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Barn + silo, east + north elevations

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Basil + Reuben Johnson Farms

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Barn interior, lower story, vw. northeast

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Wagon shed, east + north elevations

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Wagon shed, interior, vw. southwest
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Barrack, north elevation

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Barrack, interior, vw. southeast

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